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SPEECH AND FORNMIN'S SUPPORTING STATEMENT

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1. JULY 22 ROK PRESS HAS GIVEN FRONT PAGE TOP PLAY
TREATMENT TO SECRETARY'S SEATTLE SPEECH WITH ACCOMPANYING
STORIES AND SAME DEGREE PLAY TO FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN'S
SUPPORTING STATEMENT. REPORTING ON KOREAN PORTIONS
SPEECH APPEARS FULL AND ACCURATE AND WAS LEAD SUBJECT ALL
STORIES. SOME PAPERS CARRIED PICTURES OF SECRETARY AND
FONMIN AS PART OF TREATMENT. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT TO DATE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER PAK TONG-CHIN'S STATEMENT ON
SECRETARY'S JULY 22 ADDRESS IN SEATTLE WITH ONE EXCEPTION
FOLLOWS TEXT REPORTED IN REF A. EXCEPTION IS
ADDITIONAL SENTENCE TO EFFECT THAT IF RED CHINA AND NORTH
KOREA REFUSE SUCH CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL, SUCH REFUSAL
WOULD MEAN THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF SOLVING PROBLEM AND
THAT THEY (WOULD) HAVE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
FOR TENSION IN KOREA. FONMIN'S STATEMENT HAS ALSO NOT YET
RECEIVED EDITORIAL COMMENT BUT GOSSIP COLUMN IN INDEPEN-
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DENT, MIDDLE OF ROAD CHUNGANG ILBO SAID THAT FOREIGN

MINISTER HAD MET WITH SECRETARY IN APRIL AND HAD ASKED
HIM AT THAT TIME TO MAKE SUCH STATEMENT AS OUTLINED
IN SEATTLE ADDRESS.
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